

Consumers Want to Know

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I'd like to buy a room air conditioner, but I don't know what to look for. Please give me some suggestions.

Appliance experts advise that you assemble facts such as the size of the room to be cooled—the height, length and width, the direction the room faces, the type of window—such as casement, double-hung, etc., and the electrical voltage in your home. This information will help the salesman determine the cooling capacity you need and the best unit to do the job. Then you should ask about noise level, temperature controls, and filter. You should also find out how to clean and replace the air deflection features. Also consult use-and-care instructions.

Are accessories such as variable fan speeds and directional controls worth the extra price on room air conditioners?

Most air conditioner owners like a choice of fan speeds because low speed offers quieter nighttime cooling and higher speeds are useful for daytime cooling during very hot weather. Air directional controls allow you to direct the airflow up, down or to either side, thus preventing drafts. A thermostat may contribute toward more economical operation because it allows setting a temperature range that the unit maintains automatically. These accessories are no longer extra on many air conditioners.

FFA Activities Week Slated at Penn State

Pennsylvania FFA members, training for future rural leadership, are meeting at Penn State University June 28 to 30 for their annual State FFA Activities Week. Major emphasis is being placed on orientation to various careers. The three-day training will develop the national FFA theme, "Career education—exploration and orientation for careers."

Goals of FFA Week will be developed through educational demonstrations and tours, individual conferences with College of Agriculture faculty members, and 17 judging contests. Coordinating arrangements are Dr. Norman K Hoover of the department of agricultural education at Penn State and Charles F Lebo of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg.

Sixty delegates and 11 officers of the State Association of FFA are meeting daily. New state officers will be announced at a final general session June 30 in

Schwab Auditorium. Contest winners will also be announced at this time.

Attendance should include 1,500 FFA members and teachers of agriculture from statewide high schools. About 90 girls are taking part in this year's events—the third year for girls to participate

as a result of changes in national membership rules.

The judging contests, a feature event each year, will be held Thursday morning, June 29. The top few teams in each of the 17 contests will receive trips to compete in eastern, regional, or national contests.

Educational demonstrations and tours will highlight the afternoon program June 29. Off-campus agencies cooperating will be the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Farmers Home Administration, both of Harrisburg. The FHA will present a program entitled "Build Our American Communities," featuring community development. General sessions will be held the nights of June 28 and 29 in Schwab Auditorium.

Milk Production Up 1%

May milk production in Pennsylvania was 658 million pounds, one per cent above May 1971 production and seasonally higher than April production.

State average production per cow during May was 950 pounds, a record high monthly average. The number of milk cows in the Commonwealth declined to 693,000, a 2,000 cow drop from April and 10,000 fewer than May, 1971.

U.S. milk production during May is estimated at 11,307 million pounds, one per cent more than a

year earlier. May output provided 1.75 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses compared with 1.70 pounds last month and 1.75 pounds in May last year. Total milk production during the first five months of 1972 is two per cent more than 1971.

U.S. milk production per cow averaged 924 pounds during May, two per cent more than last year and six per cent above the April 1972 rate. Milk cows on U.S. farms totaled 12,236,000, down one per cent from May, 1971.

The estimated gross Federal debt by 1973 will be \$493 billion, up about \$84 billion since the end of the fiscal year 1971. Payments for interest this year are estimated at \$320 per household, according to the Tax Foundation.

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